

Typical Small Farm Scenes in San Fernando Valley



Small Farm Security in San Fernando Valley

President Roosevelt's administration "will put into effect a back-to-the-land movement that will work." He does not propose a wholesale return to the land, of commercial farmers, to compete with those already in the field, thus only adding to over-production.

The administration's recovery program contemplates the development of "subsistence farmers," who will cultivate small acreage, keep chickens, a goat and other stock, **FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES**, and supplementing the products of the land by part time or full time work, or by incomes which they have, but which are not sufficient to sustain them in urban life.

Los Angeles is probably the only city in the nation which has within its corporate limits, land available for the small farm movement proposed by President Roosevelt. San Fernando Valley is destined to play a highly important role in the "part-time" farm plan being sponsored in Washington, D. C.

San Fernando Valley has an advantage, in the fact that the part time farm movement has been advocated here for a number of years, and hundreds of families, established on small farms in more prosperous times, have weathered the storm of depression and unemployment.

San Fernando Valley offers proof of the workability of President Roosevelt's "part-time" farm plan, as an important feature of the national recovery program.

Many members of the "rural-industrial group" or "part time farmers" under the Roosevelt plan, must look to industry for part of their sustenance. The administration's reconstruction program calls for the decentralization of industry—for the moving of industry into villages and towns—so that the small farm owner will not have to travel many miles to the city to get the work he needs to supplement the products of his land, and to provide him with a well-rounded standard of living.

Here, again, San Fernando Valley fits into the national recovery program. Industrial land is available on steam and electric railways, on paved highways, and adjacent to airports. Unlimited cheap power and adequate sewer facilities are available.

Many "part time" farmers in the Valley, still dependent upon jobs in metropolitan Los Angeles, have solved the transportation problem by "clubbing" together and sharing the expense of one automobile.